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50 WILL GRADUATE TONIGHT AT HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Class of '31 to Leave Local Institution Following Fine Program in Auditorium at 8 o'Clock

Pictures of graduates and commencement program will be found on Page One of the Second Section of today's Herald.

Following the presentation of diplomas to 50 Torrance High school students by Mrs. George H. Clark, member of the Los Angeles Board of Education, those young men and women will walk out of the High school auditorium as students for the last time tonight.

Throughout the week they have been the feted members of the class of '31 and the envy of the three lower classes. Last Sunday afternoon in the beautiful patio at the High school impressive baccalaureate services were held in honor of the class of '31. A breakfast served at 10 o'clock in the cafeteria Tuesday morning, opened the traditional Class Day ceremonies.

A cordial invitation to the general public is extended by the Senior class to attend its final public appearance as a student group at the commencement exercises.

Impressive Services
A large crowd of parents and friends of the graduates attended the Sunday afternoon baccalaureate service. Opened with the singing of "Holy, Holy, Holy" by the assembled congregation, the program proceeded with the invocation by Rev. G. H. Schuster, pastor of the First Evangelical Lutheran church; scripture reading by Rev. John B. Speed, First Baptist church, and prayer offered by Rev. G. D. Wolfers, Central Evangelical church. A solo by Jack Seftin came just before the inspirational address by Rev. G. G. Elder of the First Christian church. Songs by the High school Madrigal Singers and the pronouncement of the benediction by Rev. Schuster completed the service.

Class of '31
Those who will receive diplomas tonight are:

Pearl Adams, Ruby Avolana, Grace Barnes, Marjorie Barnes, Ruth Barlow, Merton Bay, Virginia Brown, Edith Corbett, Evangeline Cummings, Jane Curtis, Frances Granger, May Haslam, Fibrine Heisel, Mildred Holland, Marcella Kemmel and Seta Kizomura.

Rita Lister, Betty Moore, Veronica McNell, Wilma Motika, Dorothy Myers, Norma Rappaport, Betty Ripple, Jane Roberts, Jean Smith, Lita West, Irene Wilhelm, Myrtle Winkler, Robert Anderson, Ronald Coll, Harold Fritz and George Gibson.

Robert Hannan, Lee Herring, Joe Higgins, Elwyn Jarrett, John Jones, Victor Kaspar, Manfred Kirby, Joe Lupo, Fred Marsteller, Robert Merrill, Alfred Mintun, Wilson Pate, Harry Putnam, Simon Schipper, Paul Sletny, Roland Thomas, Wilfred Tidland and Howard Totten.

Plans Made to Push Extension of Cabrillo With County Help

At the instigation of Earl Conner, the Chamber of Commerce directors voted Monday afternoon to push the long-proposed extension of Cabrillo avenue through to Eschelman avenue with the assistance of the county. Conner asked the directors to get behind the movement for the extension of the boulevard and during the resultant discussion an important fact was brought out by Carl Hyde, secretary of the chamber.

Hyde stated that it was his opinion that the right-of-way 80 feet wide would be donated by property owners from Plaza del Amo south, that the county would lay the pavement as a cash job. He said that he felt this would be a decided advantage to property owners as they would receive from the county on condemnation proceedings would be less than their share of the paving cost. Hyde also stated that the donation of the right-of-way would also eliminate any encumbrance on the properties fronting on Cabrillo.

Committee Put on Job
A private right-of-way job is held by the Pacific Electric Railway Company from Plaza del Amo north. Hyde reported, and he said that he did not expect the county would be allowed, under state statute, to make this improvement on that strip, leaving the paving to be paid by property owners.

No improvement is necessary between Carson and Plaza del Amo on Cabrillo, as that part of the artery is in condition, it was brought out.

The directors asked the Highway Committee, headed by Frank R. Leonard, city engineer, to push the project and report at the next meeting of the board.

In his statement of the proposed improvement, Conner related that there is a certain sentiment among property owners in the eastern section of Lomita favoring the extension of Western avenue rather than the Eschelman-Cabrillo extension. The latter project, he said, would be more advantageous to both Torrance and Lomita.

275 on Primary Ballot for Five C. of C. Offices

Final Election is Set For June 30; 4 Directors Are Holdovers

Approximately 275 citizens of Torrance are named on the primary ballot sheet to nominate candidates for five directors of the Chamber of Commerce, who are to be elected June 30.

Directors whose terms expire this month are James W. Leeb, J. W. Post, Earl Conner, Frank Steinhilber and DeKalb Spaulin. The hold-over directors are W. Rufus Page, president; Harry H. Dolley, Sam Levy and Dr. J. S. Lancaster.

The primary election ballots, which were to be mailed today, are returnable not later than 5 p. m. Tuesday, June 23. The 10 citizens receiving the highest count will stand for the final election a week later, or on Tuesday, June 30. Voters will ballot on but five names of this last ticket.

Four of the new directors will serve for two years and the remaining one for a year term. When the 1931-32 directorate is formally installed, the members will elect officers for the coming year.

Postoffice Will Close Earlier

Workers Will Get Saturday Afternoons Off Starting on June 20, Gourdier Says

In compliance with the "shorter work week law" approved by Congress last February, the Torrance postoffice will close all windows at 12 o'clock noon on Saturdays commencing June 20, according to Postmaster Alfred Gourdier.

"This does not mean that all mails will stop at noon," the postmaster explained. "Mails will be dispatched as usual up to 6:17 p. m., and mails will be received and distributed as usual."

After 12 o'clock noon Saturdays, stamps may be purchased at Postoffice sub-station No. 1, located at Alcorn's Pharmacy, corner of Fortale street and Torrance boulevard. A collection of mail will be made from every street letter box in the city at 4 p. m. Saturdays, Gourdier said.

Public Invited to Inglewood Health Center's Opening

An invitation to all residents of Torrance to visit the formal opening of the Inglewood Township Civic Center building Thursday, June 25, from 3 to 8 p. m., was received here today by the Chamber of Commerce. A reception and inspection of the building in which are located the county health center, health center, township court and county welfare department will be held.

At 8 p. m. a dinner will be served in connection with the opening ceremonies at the High school cafeteria, with speeches by a number of prominent county and city officials. The Civic Center building is located at Queen and Grevillea streets in Inglewood.

Local Moose To Hold Open Meet

Members of the Torrance lodge, Loyal Order of Moose, have been making extensive plans for several weeks for the public meeting that will be held in the Carson street lodge rooms, Friday, June 19. The meeting is to acquaint the people of Torrance with facts about the Moose order and all residents are cordially invited to attend. There will be no charge.

District Deputy Supervisor George Shaw, District Dictator W. Ward Davies and other supreme lodge officials will give the principal speakers, while officers of the Southern California Mooseheart and Moosehaven Boosters Association will preside. Carl Hyde and Torrance officials will give short talks, and there will be delegations from 30 lodges in Southern California present, it is announced.

REFUSE PERMIT
A request for a permit to operate an auto wrecking yard at the northeast corner of Neward street and Hawthorne boulevard in Waverly was refused by the council Tuesday night. The reason for the rejection given by council members was that the proposed business was objectionable from the civic beautification point of view.

Freeholders Are Getting Supply of Charter Data

If present plans of the recently elected board of 15 freeholders who will draft a city charter for Torrance are carried out—and there is every reason to believe they will be—this municipality will be endowed with the latest and most approved form of constitution.

The reason for this is that the freeholders are not going off "half-cooked" and with but little data to work from. Instead voluminous material on city charters, opinions by recognized civic authorities and governmental information of all kinds is being sought from approximately 254 cities in this as well as eight other states.

Get Many Opinions
The 41 California cities which now operate under the charter form of government have been asked to send copies of their constitutions and the opinion of their city attorneys and councils on salient points of their charters.

Other charter cities in Oregon, Georgia, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, Maryland, Oklahoma and Ohio will be requested to send their charters and opinions to the Torrance freeholders.

"We want to find the form of government most satisfactory to Torrance in particular and to cities of its relative status in general," declared one member of the board which met Monday night.

The charter board has 120 days, and an extension of 60 days additional, if they desire it, to complete the draft of a Torrance-city charter. This document must be signed by a majority of the board.

These sub-committees will bear the brunt of the extensive investigation planned by the board. They will devote to the study various phases of city government and will recommend to the board in general the points upon which they are delegated to investigate.

People to Give Decision
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Although the departing pastor has said that he does not know yet where he is to resume his work, at Kiwanis meeting Monday night, he declared that "it doesn't look as though I'm to be farther away than 10 miles from Torrance."

The First Methodist church sends Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Young away to conference in connection with the church choir singing, "Black Rose," "The Prodigal and the Song," "Praise and Adoration," "Lead On, O King Eternal."

The Epworth League will take part in the service and the new officers will be installed with a candle-lighting by Mrs. A. J. Masekrey will sing, and her little daughter, Eileen, will read. The service will close with a short talk from the pastor.

SCANDAL! COPS ARE BRIBED!

—And What's More, They Enjoy It! Evidence is Rapidly Demolished at Police Station in Few Hours

The cop that stands and guards school children while they cross at 220th street and Arlington avenue during morning, noon and afternoon hours while the Torrance Elementary school is in session, came into his own Monday afternoon.

But in this case it was four cops—Police Chief G. M. Calder, Sergeant John Stroff, Officer George Dolton and Motor Officer William Mallin.

They were bribed. Nothing less—and the evidence furnished them and their brother officers and firemen with much refreshment and comments that began: "What do you think of this? Pretty good of 'em, isn't it?"

At the regular Monday assembly for fourth, fifth and sixth grades, the four police officers were invited to be special guests. Mrs. Juliette Young had composed some verses about each of the present. These were recited by Robert Kincaid and Josephine Branson of the A-6 class.

Then the policemen, who have not allowed a single accident at the 220th and Arlington crossing all year, were presented with a large cardboard box of assorted fruit. The box had been made and decorated by girls in Mrs. Mary Schweiniche's class and was most attractive. Officer Mallin, the orator for the cops, accepted the gift in behalf of the police force.

Bribed! But how those blue-coats enjoyed it!
All members of the City Council are expected to accept an invitation addressed to them Monday evening by Ildoro B. Dockweiler, president of La Fiesta de Los Angeles, to be present at the formal opening September 4 of the 150th birthday celebration of Los Angeles.

Beer Garden On Prairie Raided; Arrest Is Made

Operator Pleads Guilty To Possession Charge—Given Charge

A raid on an asserted beer garden at 18121 Prairie avenue, near Electric street, Saturday night by Sergeant John Stroff and Motor Officer William Mallin resulted in the arrest of the resident who gave the name of George Jones, but who police say is Grant Morris, 23-year-old mechanic.

Morris, alias Jones, plead guilty to the charge of possession Monday morning after remaining in jail in default of \$500 since his arrest. He was sentenced to pay a \$500 fine or spend 250 days in the county jail, \$250 or 125 days being suspended on his good behavior for two years. He paid most of the fine and was released to pay the balance at a set later date.

Nine and one-half cases of beer and a large can of pretzels were confiscated on the premises. Morris is said by police to have readily admitted operating the "garden" for the last few weeks, claiming that he was out of work and had to do something to support his wife and a six months old child.

Junior High Ends Term Yesterday

Large Crowd Attends Final Program Honoring Class of 88 Graduates

Yesterday afternoon a large group of parents and friends attended the closing exercises of the Junior High school class of 88 who will enter Senior High school with the re-opening of school August 31.

The students who will be members of the B-10 class next fall were honored guests at a fine program given at 1:15 o'clock in the High school auditorium. Their certificates were presented by Principal Herbert S. Wood.

A selection by the Junior High Boys' Glee club opened the entertainment. Hannah Kepley, Shizuko Kazama and Kenneth Peas, members of the class, gave short talks on interesting subjects. A piano solo by Joy Fossum and songs by the A-9 Girls' Trio, compered by Ula Paisley, Esther Terry and Betty Danford were given prolonged applause. The singing of the A-7 A Cappella chorus was also well received.

There is a family with four children existing in the Shoestring that are trying to live in an unfurnished house. They had to move from a furnished place because they could not pay their rent. Now they are in just a house. Some of their neighbors have given them a few articles of furniture—but there are many, many things they need. The phone number, 648, is that of a neighbor who will personally tell you of their family's plight and who will help you fix them up.

Will you call 648 if you have anything you think might make their "home" a bit more livable?

Engineer Carries On With Plans For Two Improvement Works

Although nothing further has been heard from the Pacific Electric Railway Company in connection with the beautification of Torrance (Redondo) boulevard and the improvement of Cabrillo avenue, City Engineer Leonard is going right ahead with his plans for both projects, he told the council Tuesday night.

He said it would take a week or two to complete the plans for trying in the improvement of Cabrillo with the proposed Sepulveda boulevard county improvement job, but at the end of that time he would be ready to make a presentation of the data to the Supervisors in an effort to get county aid on the job.

The new belt limitations law, passed at the last Legislature session, is causing the City Engineer's office considerable more work on improvement projects now, Leonard reported. This is because the law states all owners must be notified of the proposed work; the estimate of the cost, within 10 per cent of its actual cost, must be made known to them and no project can be assessed more than half of its valuation.

Give Oil Company 90 Days to Drill

An extension of 90 days was granted the Bald Eagle Oil Company on the proposed condemnation of that company's old oil rig near the Fern street school at council meeting Tuesday night. At the end of that time, September 15, if operations are not commenced, the derrick will be demolished. The rig has been repaired and strengthened, City Engineer Leonard reported.

TORRANCE AS VACATION SPOT WILL BE WIDELY ADVERTISED

Newspaper Campaign to Tell Thousands in Hot Belts of City's Advantages as Cool, Cheap Summer Resort

Cool breeze-swept Torrance with the enticing beaches six minutes' drive away and its rents the lowest in the history of the city—these are a few of the highlights to be advertised during the next six weeks to residents of the "hot belts" in Imperial Valley, Arizona, and San Bernardino county, as a result of a special newspaper advertising appropriation made by directors of Torrance Chamber of Commerce this week.

The predominant note of the entire six weeks' campaign will be stressed on economy and residents of the hot belt will be told that they can rent furnished and unfurnished houses, apartments and court units in Torrance as low as \$18 per month, and five-room houses with two bedrooms may be rented for \$25 to \$40 per month. Contrasted with the usual beach rents of \$50 to \$150 per month, the invitation to come to Torrance is most compelling.

Dr. Shidler Wins Recognition For Education Ideas

Three Shidler Boys Return From Universities With Guest

Dr. Geo. P. Shidler returned yesterday from Berkeley with his sons, John and Frederick, who are attending Stanford University. John Hudce, a student friend of the Shidler boys, and son of Judge Budge of Boise City, Idaho, came with the party and is a guest at the Shidler home on Post avenue. Dr. and Mrs. Shidler's oldest son, George, who is a student at the University of Nebraska, has also returned to his home in Torrance for the summer vacation.

Rotary Speaker
On the way to Berkeley, Dr. Shidler spoke at Rotary club luncheons at Callistoga, Petaluma and Napa. Ever since his masterful address on boys' work and the segregation of the sexes at the district convention of Rotary International at Catalina recently, Dr. Shidler has been much in demand as a luncheon club speaker throughout the Pacific Coast.

Dr. Shidler's ideas on education in the public schools are being carefully studied and it is predicted by those prominent in Rotary that many communities are seriously thinking of adopting the suggestions made by the doctor at the Catalina convention.

PLAN LONG TRIP
Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Ripple and daughter, Betty, will leave Saturday for a motor trip back to Michigan and Maryland, planning to visit many interesting points on the way. They expect to be gone about five or six weeks.

Many Pictures
Pictures of Torrance streets, courts and apartment houses will be used profusely in the advertising as well as many "atmospheric" illustrations, such as beach scenes, bathing girls and children at play. The night baseball field on Carson street will also be shown.

The first advertisement will appear on June 23. Others will follow. (Continued on Page 2-A)

Open Bids on Drum Corps Suits; But Contract Not Yet Awarded

New dress uniforms—the last word in sartorial embellishment—will be provided for the Best S. Crossland Post, American Legion, Drum and Bugle corps, by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce in time for the corps' entry in the state-wide contest to be held August 31 at Long Beach.

The directors of the chamber vote to appropriate \$1520 for the purchase of the uniforms.

At a meeting Wednesday morning held from six local merchants were opened and the lowest quotation on a complete uniform was that of Sandy and Scotty, who offered a price of \$40 per suit. Action by the chamber directors on the uniform matter is expected at an early meeting. The bidders were Sam Rappaport and Graham Brothers, a joint proposal; Sam Levy, J. Lepkin and Ed Schwartz.

Local Teachers Will Entertain N. E. A. Visitors

Motor Trip and Dinner At Royal Palms July 2 Arranged

Although their work as teachers ended today, their big job ahead of a committee and all of the other local instructors this month.

The Torrance school faculty members are going to do their share in showing real California hospitality to the delegates and visitors to the National Education Association convention in Los Angeles, June 27 to July 3.

According to present plans, the local teachers will entertain convention delegates from New Mexico on July 2 with a scenic drive from the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles, winding through the Palms harbor district and including the harbor drives and San Pedro. Private cars will be available for the trip, which will conclude with an especially prepared dinner in the Royal Palms grove at White's Point.

All of the Torrance schools have combined to carry out the entertainment program allotted to them. A general committee composed of Principal Herbert S. Wood, chairman; Mrs. Blanche Ritter, Guy L. Mowry, Miss Etta Mowry, Mrs. Mabel-Ella Sweet and Miss Eleanor Alvord are in charge of the arrangements. (Continued on Page 2-A)